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**Deadline Extended for Submission of Acute Hospital Credit and Collection Policies
December 21, 2007**

The Division has extended the January 1, 2008 filing deadline for acute hospital credit and collection policies. Under Health Safety Net regulation 114.6 CMR 13.08(1) (c), hospitals are required to revise their Credit and Collection policies to reflect regulatory changes and to submit the revised policies to the Division within 90 days of the effective date of the amended regulations.

The Health Safety Net regulations, which revised the credit and collection policy requirements, became effective on October 1, 2007. The Division plans to make additional changes to the current Health Safety Net regulations in response to issues and concerns raised by interested parties. The Division will therefore delay the Credit and Collection policy submission requirement and will notify hospitals of the new deadline.